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SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY

1. JANUARY 7 WE SENT NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTING
PRESIDENT FRANGIE, PRIME MINISTER RACHID SOLH AND
FOREIGN MINISTER PHILIPPE TAQLA RECEIVE SENATOR
PERCY. WE INDICATED SENATOR ARRIVING BEIRUT JANUARY 16
VIA ME 305 FROM CAIRO AND DEPARTING BEIRUT FOR
DAMASCUS BY CAR 1430 JANUARY 18. I MENTIONED
SENATOR'S VISIT YESTERDAY, JAN 9, TO FON MIN
TAQLA, WHO SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH VISIT AND
WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THE SENATOR. PRESIDENCY
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT THE
PRESIDENT WILL RECEIVE SENATOR PERCY AND MYSELF
1:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 17. MRS. FRANGIE WOULD
LIKE TO RECEIVE MRS. PERCY AND MY WIFE AT THE SAME
TIME. AT 1:30 LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED. I ASSUME
THIS MEETS WITH SENATOR'S WISHES AND I HAVE ACCEPTED
ON HIS BEHALF.

2. MRS. GODLEY AND I ARE PLANNING DINNER IN SENATOR'S
HONOR JANUARY 16 AND SO FAR FOLLOWING HAVE ACCEPTED:

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FORMER PRESIDENT CAMILLE CHAMOUN, DR. AND MRS. CHARLES MALIK,

DEPUTY AND MRS. RAFIQ SHAHEEN, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AND MRS. VINCENZI DE BENEDICTIS, WHOM SENATOR MIGHT RECALL AS ITALIAN DCM WASHINGTON. FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL AMB. AND MRS. ANTOINE FATTAL, DR. AND MRS. YERVANT DJEDJIAN, AND MRS. MAUDE FARJALLAH. DINNER IS A LITTLE BIT COMPLICATED IN THAT FORMER FRENCH PRIME MINISTER EDGAR FAURE WILL ALSO BE VISITING BEIRUT AT THAT TIME AND DINNER BEING GIVEN IN HIS HONOR 16TH.

3. CHARLES MALIK, WHO STATES HE KNOWS THE SENATOR, AS INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SENATOR AT AUB TO MEET KEY FACULTY MEMBERS AND DISCUSS AUB'S FUTURE. HE HAS ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST DINNER JANUARY 17 IN SENATOR'S HONOR. JANUARY 17 DINNER IS BEING GIVEN IN MY HONOR BY COMMANDER LOCAL BEIRUT MILITARY DISTRICT. UNFORTUNATELY WE CHOSE THE DATE SOME TIME AGO AND IT WOULD BE EMBARRASING FOR US NOT TO ACCEPT. I AM CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT OUR HOST OF THAT EVENING WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO INCLUDE SENATOR AND MRS. PERCY AT THEIR DINNER, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE A RATHER ENJOYABLE SOCIAL GATHERING OF A CROSS-SECTION OF BEIRUTI SOCIETY. WE NOTE SENATOR'S PLANS TO LEAVE BEIRUT 1430 JANUARY 18 BY CAR TO DAMASCUS. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT SENATOR MIGHT WISH TO ADVANCE HIS DEPARTURE TO APPROXIMATELY 9 A.M. AND INCLUDE A VISIT TO BAALBECK AND ANJAR, WHICH ARE RELATIVELY ENROUTE TO DAMASCUS AND WOULD PERMIT HIS 1730 ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS. LUNCHEON COULD BE HAD AT BAALBECK AT PALMYRA HOTEL, WHERE WE HAVE FREQUENTLY EATEN.

4. RE SENATOR'S WISH TO MEET WITH NEWSWEEK'S NICHOLAS PROFFITT, REGRET TO REPORT HE IS ON HOME LEAVE AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE RETURNING BEIRUT PRIOR SENATOR'S VISIT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE SENATOR'S EARLY APPROVAL OF MY ACCEPTING HIS LUNCHEON WITH FRANGIE AND HIS REACTION TO OTHER PROPOSALS SET FORTH ABOVE.
GODLEY

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